

Items, General and Personal, Of Interest to G. P. O. Workers

"What am I doing with these books of Irish history?" said a copyholder not near the Public Library recently. "Working a scheme, my boy; working a scheme. No; I am not going to deliver a lecture for the Irish cause, or anything like that. I'll tell you about it if you won't give me away. You know the reader I work with. Well, he is simply a horse. Works his full eight hours every day as if his life depended on it. And he can do more in those eight hours, I believe, than any man in the shop. Well, I like to hold up my end, and I don't want to do it all, but I have to keep at it. Most men are willing to ease up a little once in a while and have a little chat about baseball, or union affairs, or politics, or the tariff, or something current, but not my partner. He is just a horse—all work. I have tried him every subject I could think of without success, until the other day I found a weak spot. We were reading a document where a quotation was made from a speech of a famous Irish orator, and my partner got so enthusiastic over it that I got a good hour's rest. I never knew before that he was one of the 'freedom-Ireland' kind. But he is a fanatic on the question, and every day since I have got him started by mentioning something in the history of the little green island, and I am fortifying myself with these books of Irish history to keep up with the good work. Great scheme, hey?"

Dan McCarthy has received word from Charley Cyphers saying he is suffering from an injury to his side, sustained just before leaving here, in attending from a vehicle.

Winslow Lewis, of the job room, is on his way to Alberta, Canada, to inspect a farm of 800 acres he owns there, from which he gets this year as his share 5,000 bushels of oats, the crop aggregating 9,000 bushels. He will cross over to Toronto and take in Seattle on the way out.

John R. Bird, of the machine shop, has resigned to accept the position of pressman in the Russian government's printing office at St. Petersburg, and will go by the Pacific route, taking in the Seattle Exposition en route.

Phil Nachman is doing desk duty in the keyboard room in the absence of William T. Herritage.

Milton S. Simpson, Jr., the young messenger in the monotype section, has recently been tendered a letter offering to play professional baseball in Virginia, but, owing to its interference with his studies, has declined.

J. Irwin Esterly, of the bindery, is at present on leave, having gone to Pottsville to attend the funeral of his grandfather, who died at the age of eighty-seven years.

Charles Welch, of the finishing room, has been detailed to the Interior Department.

Mrs. Keyser, wife of Harry Keyser, of the forwarding section, has recently returned from a trip to Chicago, her former home, where she has been visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Keyser will remain as much attached to the Windy City.

Fred W. Seiffert acted as guide (not official) one day last week, showing the sights of the Capital to his niece, Miss Seiffert, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

John H. Graham has taken fifteen days' leave, beginning Wednesday. John says he will spend most of it at his home, at Cleveland Park.

James Fogarty is again on the sick list, having been absent several days last week.

The following employees of the pressroom were granted leave for the 15th: A. W. Reynolds, S. K. Murphy, Melvin M. Beight, Thomas E. Blakely, William H. Dahl, John P. Koller, Robert E. Sullivan, John L. Moore, Mrs. Jennie Baylie, Mrs. Louise E. Gregory, Mrs. Emma A. Hager, Mrs. Anna R. Jewett, Mrs. Jessie A. McKinney, Miss Lizzie Moore, Mrs. Annie E. Pumphrey, Columbus Scott, and R. H. Jennings.

Reviser James M. Maloney is doing the copy editing on tabular matter in the absence of Mr. Stevens, on leave.

Lewis B. Clarke, of the job proofroom, had an operation performed on his foot at St. Mary's Hospital last week for an injury sustained several months ago while bowling.

Jefferson Davis Garland has been severed from the rolls.

Ham J. Roy, formerly an employee of the bindery, is now employed by the Elmsira Advertiser, New York.

Temporary appointees to the pressroom force were made during the week as follows: Press feeders—Mrs. E. K. Bradley, Mrs. Lottie E. Thomson, Miss Edna O. Hunter, Miss Mae L. Coburn, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Pettiford, Mrs. Francis V. Walton, Mrs. Edith B. Scott, Mrs. Mattie B. Groshon, Mrs. Sarah M. Gantley, Miss Grace E. Leontine, and Miss Sadie E. Tigner. Helpers—Thomas H. Quattrill, Caleb E. Queen, Leander O. Clifford, Lemuel R. Addison, William J. Harrower, Benjamin Hutchinson, Solomon H. Thompson, Jr., Wilmer L. Griffin, George A. Sutton, James H. Turner, and Thomas S. Berry.

William Brady, of the library bindery, has resigned his position. Miss Alice M. Russell has been detailed to fill the vacancy.

The following employees of the bindery are on two weeks' leave: John H. Graham, Miss Margaret Curtis, Miss Virginia Kankey, and Miss Emma Wooley.

The many friends of Mrs. Francis J. McNally, wife of the genial Frank of the bindery, will be pleased to hear that she is rapidly recovering from her recent illness.

Sydney Howell, of the bindery, is spending part of his leave at Fire Island, N. Y.

Asbury Smith, of the casemaking division of the bindery, left for Atlantic City last Thursday to spend two weeks.

Mrs. Harry L. Fordham, wife of Harry L. Fordham, of the bindery, has left for a week's stay at Old Point Comfort, Va.

Edward Rowan, of the foundry, known as the "boy of the foundry," is spending his leave at Sheephead Bay, N. Y.

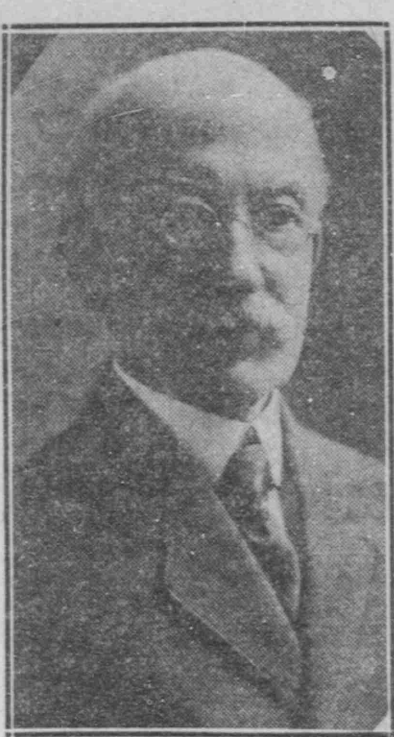
Francis Rider, a former employee of the bindery, died at his home in Sterling, Va., last Wednesday.

Mrs. George Barnes, wife of George Barnes, of the bindery, died at her home, in K street northeast, last Wednesday.

Thomas Davies, who recently returned from his home in Elm, Bangor, Pa., has taken thirty days' leave and returned there.

Andrew J. Boyer has returned to the monotype section after an absence of two months. Mr. Boyer is quite active in the California State Association, being historian of the society.

James U. McCormick is at Colonial Beach with his family for fifteen days.



JOHN F. CONNELLY,
Ex-delegate Columbia Union.

John F. Connelly was born in Syracuse, N. Y., where he attended the public schools, served his apprenticeship on the Syracuse Standard, and joined Typographical Union No. 55 in 1889. He came to Washington in 1892, and worked on the Congressional Record during the electoral commission session as a compositor; resigned the following year, and went back to Syracuse, returning to the G. P. O. again in 1898, and has been employed in the office since, most of those years as a reviser. He has been a useful member of Columbia Typographical Union, serving her in many capacities, and was a delegate to the I. T. U. convention held at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1887.

Imposer T. M. Donn, of the old document section, accompanied by his son, will enjoy a portion of his thirty days' leave at Washington's Coney Island-Colonial Beach.

Joseph C. Gaudin, of the document section, accompanied by his wife, will pass his twenty-seven days' annual leave at Atlantic City.

Sumner F. McDonough, of the document section, has gone with his family to his New York home to pass the "heat-term."

On Monday morning James M. Craig and William J. Harris returned to work in the document section.

Theodore Kelsey, a well-known G. A. R. man, of the document section, having been granted leave, has returned to his home in Auburn, N. Y.

The following compositors of the document section have been granted annual leave in addition to those heretofore mentioned: A. C. Durgin, Charles Knobbe, A. J. Harlets, Frank Overman, and John W. Everman.

Ellis R. King, messenger in the document section, has been very sick during the week.

A temporary detail to the War branch during the week comprised three compositors of the document section.

Miss Laura B. Gordon, the worthy secretary of the document chapel, is passing her annual vacation in Michigan.

Hugh P. Griffin, of the document section, began his annual leave on Thursday. He will pass his vacation with his family at his cottage at Colonial Beach.

C. C. Auerach, of the document section, has been granted fifteen days' leave. He will spend a portion of the time in Buffalo, N. Y., his former home.

Miss Lucella Hutchinson, clerk in the accounting division, has gone to Harpers Ferry for seventeen days with a party of friends.

President Frank A. Kidd will go with the Washington delegation to the I. T. U. convention at St. Joe, Mo., and will deliver the chief oration at the dedication of the monument erected by Columbia Typographical Union to Edwin C. Jones, a former president, at Emporia, Kans., the Sunday after the convention.

William T. Herritage, of the monotype section, accompanied by his wife and daughter, has gone to his home in Asheville, N. C., for fifteen days.

Sylvester Williams and family have gone to Scranton, Pa., to visit his father, and will take in Buffalo and Niagara before returning to duty in the keyboard room.

Frank A. Tuck, with his family, will spend his vacation with his parents at Nathalie, Va.

John R. Purvis, of the monotype section, will rusticate at Ocean City for a spell and then go to Toronto, Canada, and Lake points.

John C. Himmelman, of the document section, was taken to Providence Hospital on Wednesday for treatment.

Government Printing Office Council, No. 211, National Union, amply sustained its reputation for giving the best in everything it attempts in the excursion to Marshall Hall on July 10, and the attendance showed that the membership and their friends thoroughly appreciated the promises of the committee that this outing should be equal to any other. This popular organization had ever before attempted. The day was an ideal one for outdoor enjoyment, and the big crowds that filled the Macalester on both sides down started the moment the wharf left the wharf for a day of real pleasure and innocent amusement, which continued until the last boat touched the wharf again at midnight. The game of baseball between the Langdon and Advent clubs was a battle from the start to finish, the former winning out in the tenth inning by one run, the score standing 10 to 5, and the rival managers, Billy Love and Harry Kettner, fought for every point for their respective clubs with a vigor almost equal to Joe Cantillon and Clarke Griffith, and the two umpires were about as popular as Silk O'Loughlin and Perrine at the close of the last series they umpired at the National park. The drill of Canton Washington, I. O. O. F., under command of Capt. Dan V. Chisholm, was thoroughly appreciated by the large crowd, the crack organization showing by their difficult evolutions that thorough training which has made them famous in the country over and gained them the distinction of being the prize winner in a competitive drill in a foreign country. Games for the little ones and dancing for the grown-ups occupied a goodly portion of the time, and the trip home on the last boat was made enjoyable to the last moment with song and story. Public Printer Donnelly, Capt. Brian, Dr. Manning, H. C. Espey, Al. H. Bowen, and other officials of the G. P. O. were in evidence at all the features of the day, and apparently enjoyed themselves, as did each and every one who had the pleasure of being present. The following composed the committee for this year's excursion: Elmer Dement, chairman; Charles V. Bechtel, Fred H. Berger, Dr. W. Chisholm, H. L. Lavisson, W. R. Love, and Philip Nachman.

Proofroom people granted leave on Thursday last were W. L. Schmalhoff, G. A. R. McNeir, James B. Scott, Theodore Hanft, and Misses Carrie A. Robb, Jennie Grace Johnson, Sarah E. Stimpson, and Edith Hawk.

Charles N. Warren, of the document section, is seriously ill with yellow jaundice.

William B. Myers, of the proofroom, is entertaining as visitors to the city R. L. Campbell, of Congress zone, and J. R. Campbell and J. E. Treacy, of Elk Lake, Ontario, Canada.

Ed. Seaford, of the New York Herald, was a visitor during the week, renewing acquaintances with those with whom he worked in the office twenty years ago.

Tom Elliott and Theodore Hanft, fraternalized on the G. P. O. Council excursion, but it is a safe bet that Tom told the best stories.

M. J. Ferren, of the monotype section, has gone to his home in Massachusetts for a month's vacation and, incidentally, to look after one of his valuable inventions.

Joe Byrnes, of the Treasury section branch, has received an appointment as pressman and gone to work at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Will Way, one of the indefinitely furloughed of the Treasury branch, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Patent Office.

The multi-millionaire is not per se a healthy development in this country. If his fortune rests on a basis of wrong doing, he is a far more dangerous criminal than any of the ordinary types of criminals can possibly be. If his fortune is the result of great service rendered, he is a man who deserves respect and reward for such service—although we must remember to pay our homage to the service itself, and not to the fortune which is the mere reward of the service, but which is the result of his own efforts.

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but he and Little Phil and Mrs. Phil and the rest of the family got about as much enjoyment out of the day as anybody, if appearances count for anything.

Miss Jennie Grace Johnson, of the proofroom, is entertaining her brother and sister-in-law, who are on their way to Seattle to reside. Miss Johnson, accompanied by Misses Robbins and Stimpson, also of the proofroom, will later go to Massachusetts for a visit, by way of the Hudson River route.

Compositors Thomas L. McEneaney and George P. Phillips, of Chief Bowser's document section, were week-end transfers to the Navy section, Charles B. Buchanan, chief.

Theodore R. Holmes, of the job room, has been taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, for an operation for hernia.

John B. Miller is operating one of the job room linotypes during the absence of George Williams.

Among the job room employees who started on leave Thursday were William T. Ashford, Fred M. Lewis, William McEneaney, and George C. Williams.

There were doubts in the minds of some as to the ability of the office to successfully handle with sufficient promptitude some of the rush jobs that apparently made the Treasury branch a necessity, especially the bonds, but, barring a few slight things that were to be expected from men taking hold of work that was new to them, everything has come out on time, and there has been but very little cause for complaint.

Delegate-elect F. N. Whitehead, after being one of the star boarders at one house for seven years, is breaking in at a new one, where he will be compelled to play minor roles for a time.

GIVE ME NEITHER POVERTY NOR RICHES

An editorial by Theodore Roosevelt, in The Outlook, July 17, 1899.

In one of Lowell's biting satires he holds up to special scorn the smug, complacent, self-satisfied, and self-righteous of the moralists of the day, who refuse to consider the morality of any question of social ethics by remarking that "they didn't know anything down in Judea." It is to be wished that some of those who preach and practice a gospel of mere materialism and greed, and who speak as if the heaping up of wealth by the community or by the individual was in itself the be-all and end-all in life, would learn from the most widely read and oldest of books that true wisdom which teaches that it is well to have neither great poverty nor great riches. Worst of all is it to have great poverty and great riches side by side in constant contrast. Nevertheless, even this contrast can be accepted if men are convinced that the riches are accumulated as the result of great service rendered to the people as a whole, and if their use is regulated in the interest of the whole community.

The movement which has become so strong during the past few years to secure on behalf of the nation both an adequate supervision of and an effective taxation of vast fortunes, so far as their business use is concerned, is a healthy movement. It aims to replace sullen discontent, restless pessimism, and evil preparation for revolution, by an aggressive, healthy determination to get to the bottom of our troubles and remedy them.

To halt in the movement, as those blinded men wish who care only for the immediate relief from all obstacles which would thwart their getting what is not theirs, would work wide-reaching damage. Such a halt would turn away the energies of the energetic and forceful men who desire to reform matters, from a legitimate object, into the channel of bitter and destructive agitation.

The reader of Prince Kropotkin's Memoirs must be struck by the damage wrought to Russia by the unwise opponents of all reform, who, by opposing every sensible movement for betterment, turned the energies of the young men, who, under happier conditions, would have worked for national betterment, into the channels of a useless and destructive revolutionary movement.

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FOLLOWING THE LEADER.

From the Buffalo News.

It is in some sense an inspiring fact in public morals that much of the support of every movement in the name of reform is mainly the expression of confidence in a leader. It is inspiring because it affords so easy a means of bringing about great results. A symbol or a leader's name is still available to rally the faint hearted whose purpose is good but whose reason is but half convinced, and education is notoriously slow in matters of public ethics. Enthusiasm that answers a call to follow a leader may be a most dangerous force when the leader himself is more sanguine than sane, and the experience of last spring, when the respected governor, with unquestioned motives, found himself compelled to graft a new boss system on the general direct primary project to make it workable, is illuminating.

TELLS OF CARNAGE

Franciscans Give Graphic Accounts of Massacres.

REV. FONCK APPOINTED HEAD

Will Become First President of Biblical Institute—American Clergy Celebrates Growth—French Clergy Voices Spirit of American Revolution—Novelist Praises Church.

New York, July 17.—The holy father has appointed Rev. Leopold Fonck, S. J., as the first president of the new Biblical Institute, which is to serve as an effective breakwater against the flood of hostile biblical criticism that is sweeping over Europe and America.

Father Fonck is now in his forty-fifth year, and a distinguished student of Oriental languages. He has studied in Europe and Asia, and made many original researches.

Besides his two works, "Biblical Lexicon" and "A Course in Holy Scripture," some of his best known books are: "An Explanation of the Parables of the Gospel," "The Bible Against Truth of Sacred Scriptures," and "The Method of Scientific Study." He has written many papers for learned reviews on biblical studies, and on the natural sciences and their connection with Scripture.

In connection with the jubilee celebration of the American College at Rome, which were "so solemn and splendid that they riveted the attention of all Rome"—Dr. Pace, of Washington, designed two interesting charts, showing at a glance how the college has grown in numbers from 13 to 150, and how 6 of its students became archbishops, 18 bishops, and 523 priests.

On the very day on which President Taft, at the tercentenary of the discovery of Lake Champlain, was commenting on the passing of religious intolerance and persecution in America, the French government was firing the Bishop of Bayonne, in France, \$100 for excommunicating those guilty of appropriating church property.

Only a short time before Cardinal Andrieu, Archbishop of Bordeaux, was fined for declaring that "the laws do not bind in conscience, and since those that you publish compromise the most sacred interests of the church and the family, it is not only our right, but our duty, to disobey them." When summoned before the court, he appeared in person, and made an address that rang with the good old American doctrine of the right of revolution.

A recent novel, entitled "How I Came to Do It; or, the Cellbacy of the Clergy," published in England by Rev. "J. Blackwhite," has been pronounced by Catholic clergymen a most amusing book, and as instructive as it is amusing. In a series of papers, proposed to them, the author says the following striking tribute to the unity of the Catholic Church:

"If all men possess the exact truth about anything whatsoever, then it is quite certain that they will all be in exact agreement about it. This is completely 'at one,' at least on that subject. In fact, this, no doubt, is the only reason why all men agree about the multiplication table."

"Similarly, if a hundred million men possess the genuine doctrine of Christ, they must all be in agreement with one another. For truth is a strong bond of cohesion. Now look at the Roman Catholic Church, by far the vastest organization in existence. That church presents us with the most extraordinary spectacle that the world has ever seen—the spectacle of some two hundred and fifty millions of rational beings absolutely united concerning all articles of faith which are authoritatively proposed to them. How do they come to be so united? Well, if their church really does communicate to them the unadulterated teachings of Christ, that will unquestionably suffice to account for the phenomenon, since to unite all to the same truth is to unite each and all to one another."

Advices from the Franciscan Fathers in Northern Syria give graphic details of the recent massacres in that unfortunate country. At Kessab, the convent, church, and school of the fathers were burned to the ground, and a large number of the congregation were murdered in cold blood by a horde of Turks. Father Sabbatino, O. F. M., succeeded in conducting all the women and children to safety, after a tramp of nearly twenty hours, and they were subsequently rescued by a French war ship and another steamer lying at Cyprus.

At Knaje all the people of the village—Latin and Armenian as well as Protestants—took refuge in the convent of the Franciscans, which was defended for two days until 600 soldiers came to the rescue. At Maraas and Antab the convents of the Franciscans were at last accounts, still filled with terrified Christians, as massacres have occurred in both places.

At Latachia, a troop of soldiers arrived just in time to save the hospice and all its inmates from being burned. Concerning the massacres in Adana, M. Constant, the French ambassador at Constantinople, says: "All along the coast of this unfortunate Armenia fanaticism burst out and Christian blood flowed in torrents. The gruesome days of 1895 were seen again. There were the same atrocities and the same acts of heroism. The example of the French priests and the French sisters of Adana are beyond eulogy. They saved thousands of lives."

From Rome comes the statement that the Abate Perosi, the famous composer of ecclesiastical music and papal choir-master, has decided to give a series of concerts in the principal cities of this country next fall. It is also said that Plus X said to him: "This is a trip that I really envy you. But I never shall see America, so you must store up memories for me."

Desperate Critics.

From Puck.

"The Kerosene Circuiters" had a run of 100 nights in Kansas," declared Hamdodo J. Ranter, with a dramatic air.

"Must have been an awful bum show," said the editor of the Cobleskill Free Press, drily.

"The won't none of the Cobville boys chase you farther than the town line 'less'n the show's plum extra rotten!"

IRISH OF COLONIAL DAYS

Nine Signers of the Declaration of Independence Came from the Emerald Isle.

By RUDOLPH DE ZAPP.

In no instance furnished by accurate historical research is the deep-seated love of the Irish for liberty better illustrated than by facts furnished in relation to the signing of that immortal document, the Declaration of Independence.

Nine of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Irishmen, and at least five more were descended from the sons and daughters of that fair Isle.

Among the nine, there are included the two signers, the earliest signer, the signer who was the longest a member of the Continental Congress, the only Catholic who signed the Declaration, the one who lived longest after signing, and the great man who gave his fortune to his country and died in the poor